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## Island Press feted for their special day at Hard Rock Cafe



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UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - The United States made it clear yesterday that it was ready to act alone to launch a punitive strike against Syria's chemical-armed regime, as top UN powers remained deadlocked.

Syrian strongman Bashar al-Assad vowed to resist any military intervention, and the governments of US allies Britain and France struggled to win domestic political backing for action.

Key US ally Britain had mounted an improbable bid to win UN backing for military action, but a meeting of the permanent Security Council members broke with no apparent breakthrough.

The 45-minute meeting was the second since Britain proposed a draft resolution to permit "all necessary measures" to protect Syrian civilians after a suspected chemical weapons attack last week.

But none of the envoys from Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States commented as they left, and the White House had already indicated that it was prepared to go it alone.

Earlier in the week reports had suggested that a Western strike was imminent, but questions have been raised about the quality of the intelligence linking Assad to the attack.

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Aruba celebrates Press Day this coming Sunday, August 1. It is a day when numerous venues demonstrate their appreciation to Aruba's hard-working media, bringing them the news both locally and internationally through print, television, radio and the Internet.

Hard Rock Cafe Aruba got

a jump on the many events that are conducted for local press members by treating a select group to a hearty Hard Rock Cafe lunch on Wednesday afternoon, August 28. They were treated to the Hard Rock Legendary Burger, or, for the more health-conscious, a tasty Chicken Caesar Salad, along with the funky fun of

eating at Aruba's #1 musical memorabilia restaurant.

Marketing Director Sharmaine Tromp played hostess for this congenial gathering, a welcome respite in the busy day of local news reporters and photographers. Such moments of camaraderie is one of the best perks of being a journalist in Aruba!

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## This week's Festival of Prizes grand prize: a spectacular parachute jump



Together with our national telecommunication company SETAR N.V. a fundraising event has been organized benefitting the Aruban Donkey Sanctuary. Because of lack of space a new and larger sanctuary needs to be built to accommodate the ever-growing number of donkeys, now almost 140. At this time the donkeys find their homes at various locations, even in a private garden. A lot of money is needed to bring all the donkeys together in one location at Bringamosa. The Dutch foundation Dierenlot's substantial donation has been

enough for the start of building the first necessities such as the containers for fodder and water, storage and fences. But a lot more money is needed for stables, a shop and a visitor center.

The Aruban government and the trade and industry are aware of the importance of a donkey sanctuary. Letting the donkeys roam wild is not an option because they create dangerous situations for our traffic and for themselves. The Aruban Donkey Sanctuary has become a great tourist attraction; visitors come to the sanctuary in droves.

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## Museo Archeologico Nacional Aruba announces renovations and upgrades

The National Archaeological Museum of Aruba (NAMA or MANA in Papiamentu) welcome Minister of Economic & Social Affairs and Culture, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar, for the announcement yesterday morning of maintenance and improvement to take place over the next six to eight months.

Head Administrator Arminda Franken-Ruiz explained that aside from a fresh coat of paint, the museum will also install several ramps and handrails, allowing the museum to be more accessible for the physically impaired.

The parking lot will be finished, and video cameras and other aspects of security will be increased. The latter is to supplement a program laid out last year when the museum hosted a networking conference with curators from facilities in Holland, Latin America, the U.S. and other Caribbean islands. MANA plans in the near future to regularly host traveling exhibits from other museums, which will provide interesting and new information about the region, beyond the Aruba-focused artifacts that are part of the permanent collection.

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Minister with NAMA administrators and archaeologists

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## US hints it could act alone...

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A strike could still go ahead, but the White House is reaching out to US lawmakers and has given its allies more time to placate domestic opposition and UN inspectors time to complete their mission.

"We certainly are interested in engaging with the global international community on this issue," White House spokesman Josh Earnest said.

"But at the same time, the president's chief accountability

is to the American people that he was elected to protect.

"The president believes strongly in making the kinds of decisions and taking the kinds of steps that are necessary to protect our core national security interests that we've acknowledged are at stake in this situation."

President Barack Obama has said the alleged large-scale use of chemical weapons by Assad's regime is a threat to

US security as well as a crime against the Syrian people.

US warships armed with scores of cruise missiles are converging on the eastern Mediterranean, and US military officials have said they are ready to launch a powerful barrage against regime targets in Syria.

Russia has blocked all attempts to toughen international sanctions against Damascus or authorize outside force to punish or unseat the regime.





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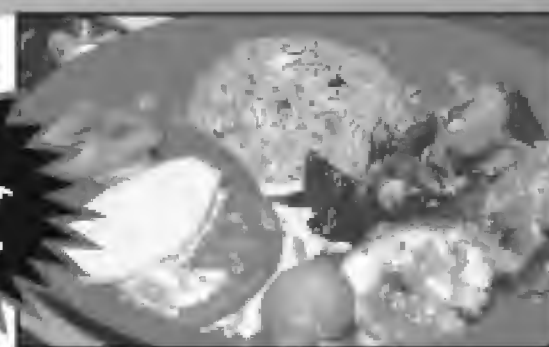
The kitchen is the beloved effort of well known island chef, Jeffrey Roy Elliott, the master in the kitchen of Elliott's Italian restaurant adjacent to Costa Linda. Jeffrey has gone back to his Jamaican roots for this enthu-



**Jeffrey Elliott and wife Daisy**

siastic effort with his wife Daisy, who loves being the happy hostess. The regular menu features the traditional cuisine such as Jerk Chicken, Fried Chicken, Beef oxtail, Stewed Pork, Jerk Pork, Fried Fish plus a house specialty, Curried Goat. These are regular items, but Jeffrey prefers to pepper his menu with various "Specials of the Day" made from what is fresh and seasonal.

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## A spectacular parachute jump

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So please start SMS-ing the word BURICO to number 250 and you may win, while supporting the Aruban Donkey Foundation. The more times you SMS, the more chances you have to win and support one of the nice attractions on the island.

## Successful third 'Marriott & Renaissance Caribbean & Mexico Resort familiarization' trip

Renaissance Aruba annually participates in the 'familiarization trip' organized by Marriott & Renaissance Caribbean & Mexico Resort (MARCAM). This time the trip was attended by various executives of different companies, who got the opportunity to socialize and get acquainted with the product and service that both Renaissance Aruba Resort and Aruba Marriott has to offer.

At arrival the guests were welcomed with a sunset dinner at Festival Plaza followed by an extraordinary RLife Live Event at Marina Hotel Pool Deck. During the following days the guests got to enjoy: delicious breakfast at Arikok National Park organized by Aruba Convention Bureau followed by a discovery tour to the National Pool provided by De Palm Tours, dinner at night on Renaissance Island, group breakfast at Ocean Suites Beach followed by site inspection at ocean Suites and afternoon beach tennis. Amongst companies who participated in the 'familiarization trip' were: World Travel inc, Performance Marketing Group, Morris Meetings & Incentives, Rainbow Events, Conference Direct and Veeam. By providing a 'familiarization trip', Renaissance Aruba offers the MARCAM guests the opportunity to experience what the hotel and Aruba has to offer



not only as a tourist destination but also as a perfect destination for conferences. The participating companies brought an interesting mix of meeting planners, travel agencies, conference management agencies and other companies of great importance to the Aruba tourism.

"It is very important for us to highlight the importance of the familiarization trip of Marriott & Renaissance Caribbean & Mexico Resort (MARCAM); the reason for this is because it serves as a 'live' demonstration of the product and service we have to offer.



Its trips like these that contribute to the positive development of our tourism and the

Aruba economy," this according to Marketing Executive, Zugheila Lindeborg.



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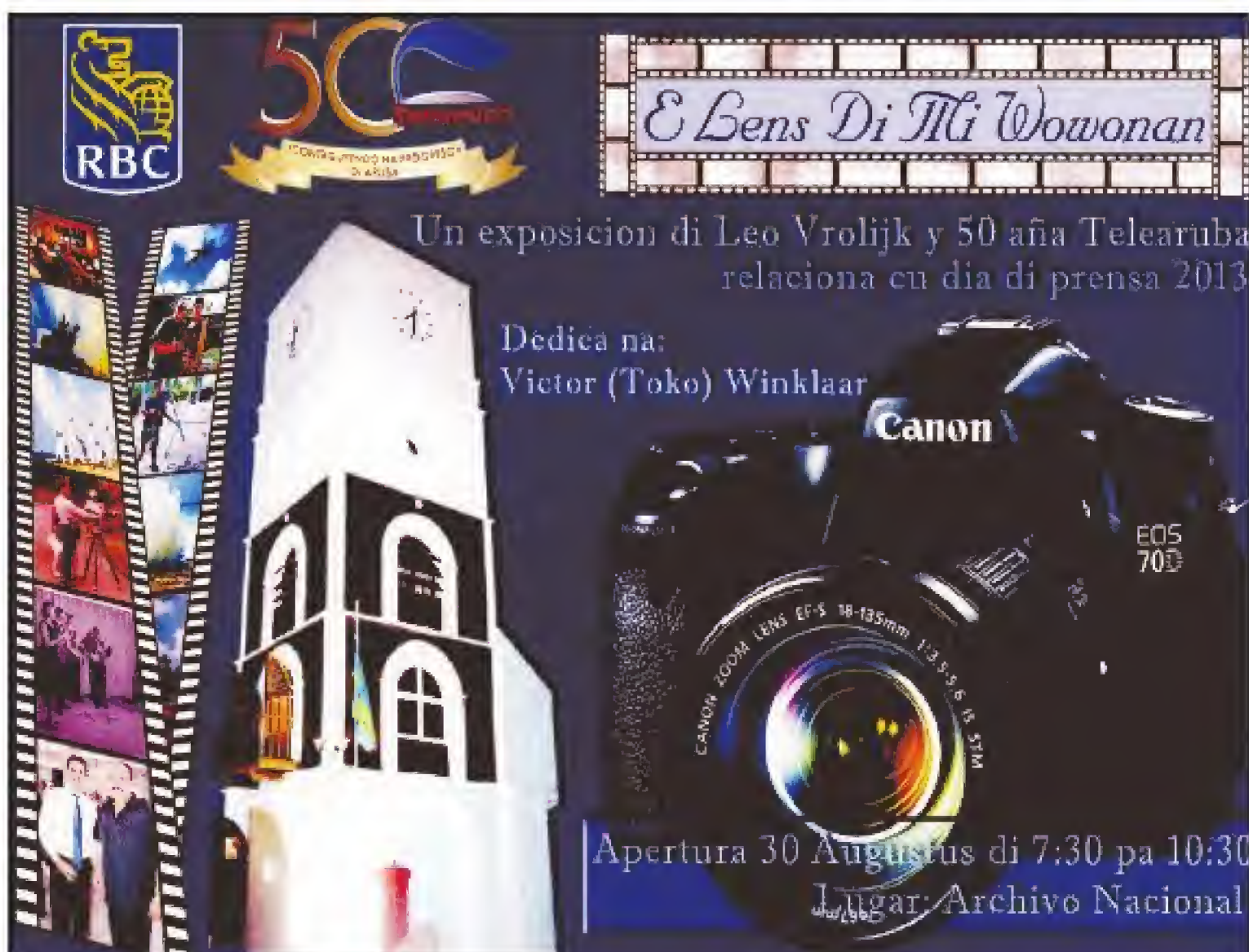


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Victor (Toko) Winklaar

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ORANJESTAD -- During a press conference this past Wednesday, Area Vice President Personal Banking, RBS Royal Bank (Aruba) N.V. Mr. Wayne Kowlessar, TeleAruba Director Mr. Victor 'Toko' Winklaar and Mr. Leo Vrolijk elaborated on this year's annual photography expo titled 'E Lens di mi Wowonan.' This is the 6th such exhibit, in celebration of Aruba Press Day on September 1.

Mr. Kowlessar congratulated all island press members for their day when they are recognized the importance of their contributions to the community. "On Aruba we have the privilege to be informed through the media of everything that happens around the world, almost the minute it happens. Our press members devote a great deal of time, on the road or in the

office, to realize this. Thank you for your dedication."

According to Mr. Kowlessar, RBC is very proud to once again sponsor the exposition 'E lens di mi Wowonan, organized annually by Leo Vrolijk. It is always a popular, well-attended event and it is expect this the 6th edition will be most successful yet. This is RBC's contribution to the development of the Aruba media and pays tribute to all press members.

Mr. Vrolijk expressed his gratitude to RBC for their continuing sponsorship. The majority of the photos on display are an exceptional visual recap of some of the most striking news events, as they were captured by Aruba's battalion of intrepid news photographers.

He explained about 25 photographers have submitted

their photos for this expo, which will, this year, be dedicated to Victor 'Toko' Winklaar, who is highly-respected in the local news community.

Mr. Winklaar, explained that TeleAruba, Aruba's first TV station, will participated in the expo as part of its 50th anniversary celebration.

The opening is tonight at 7:30 p.m. for press members. The exposition is open to the public from September 2 until the end of October at the National Archives, across from the Reina Beatrix International Airport, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Entrance is free.

People wishing for an individual tour with a guide and/or explanations, or for groups of school children, can make an appointment by calling tel. 592-2227.

## MANA announces renovations and upgrades

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A temporary addition the administrators were also proud to unveil was the billboard informing visitors that work is taking place on the museum at this time. It is punctuated by comments recorded in their visitor's book, since they first opened the new museum in 2009. The comments, in more than half a dozen languages, were particularly motivating for the museum staff.

The improvements will cost a little over one million Aruban florins; the cost is being assumed by the Ministries of Culture, Infrastructure and Tourism. The museum will continue operating at regular hours while the work is being done. It is located in downtown Oranjestad on the Henriquezplein #2 and is opened Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 AM until 5:30 PM; on Saturdays and Sundays it is open until 2:00 PM. Entrance is free.

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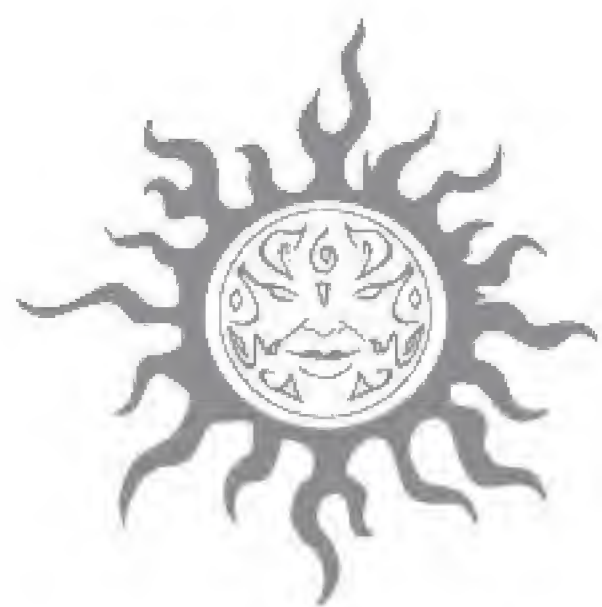
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## US recognizes same-sex couples for tax purposes

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US government announced yesterday that legally married gay couples will be treated the same as married couples for federal tax purposes.

The decision applies to legally married same-sex couples whether they live in a state that recognizes the marriage or not, the US Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service said in a statement.

"Today's ruling provides certainty and clear, coherent tax filing guidance for all legally married same-sex couples nationwide. It provides access to benefits, responsibilities and protections under federal tax law that all Americans deserve," said Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew said in

the statement.

"This ruling also assures legally married same-sex couples that they can move freely throughout the country knowing that their federal filing status will not change."

Those couples will have the same treatment under federal tax law provisions where marriage is a factor, including their filing status personal and dependency exemptions that they can claim, and other tax benefits that heterosexual couples currently enjoy.

The ruling comes after the US Supreme Court, in a landmark decision on June 26, struck down the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), which denied federal benefits to married gay and lesbian couples by

strictly defining marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

As a result the federal government was allowed to recognize same sex couples in all federal matters, such as sharing pension benefits -- the issue that brought the case to the highest court.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Snowden leak: 'Black budget' shows CIA swells in size

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The CIA has mushroomed into the largest US spy agency with a nearly \$15 billion budget as it expands intelligence, cyber sabotage and overseas covert operations, secret leaked documents showed yesterday.

Former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden leaked the government's "black budget" for fiscal year 2013 to The Washington Post, which published portions of the top-secret document online in the latest of a series of revelations that have put the US intelligence community under a spotlight.

The \$52.6 billion budget request for the nation's 16 spy agencies is not a startling revelation in itself -- the White House has published overall intelligence spending since 2007.

But it shows a dramatic resurgence of the Central Intelligence Agency, once thought to be on the decline after it acknowledged intelligence failures prior to the attacks of September 11, 2001 and the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003. It now is the dominant colossus within the national intelligence community, expanding its workforce by more than 25 percent from a decade ago, to 21,575 this year.

CIA has increased its budget

request to \$14.7 billion, nearly 50 percent more than the NSA this year, according to the Post's review of the documents, even as government austerity has forced agencies to contend with shrinking budgets.

By comparison, in 1994 the CIA accounted for \$4.8 billion of the total \$43.4 billion intel budget in 2012, according to the Post.

In the budget's introduction, Director of National Intelligence James Clapper warned that the intelligence community faced "hard choices" as government is forced to rein in costs.

Spending is projected to remain level through 2017, but Clapper stressed that "never before has the IC (intelligence community) been called upon to master such complexity and so many issues in such a resource-constrained environment."

Snowden's earlier disclosures to Britain's The Guardian newspaper and the Post uncovered details of the NSA's vast surveillance programs that scooped up data on nearly every American.

The NSA has long been considered the behemoth of the intelligence community, but according to the black budget, CIA's resources are nearly 50 percent larger.

### Third friend of Boston bombing suspect indicted

BOSTON (AFP) - A US grand jury yesterday indicted a college friend of Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev for lying to police during the investigation.

Robel Phillipos, 19, was charged with two counts of making false statements to police during a probe into the April 15 attack that left three dead and scores injured. He faces up to 16 years in jail if he is found guilty.

The indictment comes two weeks after two other friends of Tsarnaev pleaded not guilty to charges of impeding the investigation.



### Tropical storm lashes Mexico Pacific coast, kills one

LA PAZ (AFP) - Tropical Storm Juliette whipped tourist resorts on Mexico's Pacific coast yesterday, downing trees, forcing hundreds to take shelter and killing at least one person. A man was electrocuted after powerful winds brought down power lines in the tourist resort town of Los Cabos at the tip of the Baja California peninsula, said local civil protection director Wenceslao Petit Jacinto.

More than 1,250 people took refuge in shelters while nearly 5,000 households were without power across the state of Baja California Sur. Classes were canceled for the day while the ports of Los Cabos and La Paz were closed to small boats. Afterwards the storm weakened as it moved along the coastline, packing maximum sustained winds of 40 miles per hour (65 kilometers per hour), according to the US National Hurricane Center's.





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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Israel deploys Iron Dome defence system

JERUSALEM (AFP) - Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said yesterday Israel deployed its Iron Dome missile defence system to bolster its security as the West weighed military strikes on neighbouring Syria.

But he echoed President Shimon Peres in insisting that Israel is not involved in Syria's civil war but will respond with all its might if attacked.

"We have decided to deploy Iron Dome and other interceptors," Netanyahu said, in a statement released by his office, ahead of holding security talks at the defence ministry.

"We are not involved in the war in Syria. But I repeat: if anyone tries to harm Israeli citizens, Tsahal (the Israeli army) will respond with force," Netanyahu said in other remarks broadcast by Israeli television.

His comments come as Britain and the United States laid out their case for punitive strikes on Syria over an alleged

chemical attack last week that rights groups say killed hundreds.

Earlier Peres said Israel will hit back if its security is at stake.

"Israel has a strong army, modern and powerful, and a more advanced defence system than ever before," Peres was quoted as saying in a statement from his office.

Peres said the situation in Syria, where a civil war that erupted in March 2011 has killed more than 100,000 people, "is not a local incident but a crime against humanity."

Israeli media and officials sought to calm the public yesterday, as queues for gas masks lengthened.

There are fears that if the United States and its allies launch military strikes on Syria, forces of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad could retaliate against Israel, Washington's key ally in the region.

## Assad vows to defend Syria amid military buildup

DAMASCUS (AFP) - President Bashar al-Assad vowed yesterday to defend Syria from attack as Washington and London laid out their case for punitive military strikes against Damascus over suspected poisonous gas attacks.

Diplomats said the five veto-wielding members of the UN Security Council held a new meeting on the crisis yesterday to discuss a fiercely disputed British draft resolution that could allow military action.

UN chief Ban Ki-moon has appealed for Western powers to await the findings by his inspectors probing the sites of the attacks that horrified the world.

The military buildup continued in the Mediterranean as Western powers appeared poised to launch strikes against Assad's regime, although US President Barack Obama said he has yet to make a decision.

And Prime Minister David Cameron of Britain, facing an uphill battle to win parliamentary support for any intervention, said what was at stake was "one of the most abhorrent uses of chemical weapons in a century".

Cameron admitted there was no 100 percent certainty of who was responsible, but the government insisted military action would be allowed under international law as "humanitarian intervention".

Hundreds of people including children were reportedly killed when poisonous gas was unleashed on the outskirts of Damascus on August 21.

If confirmed, it would be the deadliest use of chemical weapons since Saddam Hussein gassed Iraqi Kurds in 1988.

The attacks, though not the first in Syria where chemical weapons' use has been alleged, threaten to draw the West into an escalating 29-month conflict in the face of deep divisions in the international community.

A Western bombing blitz had appeared imminent this week, but US allies now appear more reluctant to act before hearing the results of the UN probe.

And Canada said it was not planning to play a role in any intervention, although it voiced support for its allies on the need for action.

Ban said the UN experts -- on a third day of inspections of alleged attack sites -- would leave Syria by Saturday and report to him immediately.

He appealed to divided powers to work together to head off military action against Syria.



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## 'Terror bird' turns out to have been a vegetarian

PARIS (AFP) - A giant "terror bird" deemed to have been one of Earth's top predators after the demise of the dinosaurs was in fact probably a plant-loving herbivore, German scientists reported on Thursday.

Palaeontologists have wrangled for years about *Gastornis*, a huge flightless bird that lived between 40 million and 55 million years ago.

Up to two metres (6.5 feet) high, *Gastornis* had a massive beak with a hooked top -- a feature that looks so ferocious that many experts conclude the creature must have been a meat-eater, hence the "terror bird" monicker.

"The terror bird was thought to have used its huge beak to grab and break the neck of its prey, which is supported by biomechanical modelling of its bite force," said University of Bonn geochemist Thomas Tuetken, who took part in a new assessment.

"It lived after the dinosaurs became extinct and at a time when mammals were at an early stage of evolution and relatively small.

"The terror bird was thought to have been a top predator at that time on land."

Tuetken and his colleagues, though, reassessed the bird's diet. They began to forge a pro-veggie opinion after they measured calcium isotopes in fossilised *Gastornis* bones found in a former open-cast brown-coal mine in Saxony-Anhalt, eastern Germany.

The residual signal of these isotopes is a telltale of what proportion of the animal's diet came from meat versus plants.

The indicator gets "lighter" as the isotope passes down the food chain.

In theory, the bones of a supposed apex predator like *Gastornis* should have sent a strong signal.

But the team found the isotope levels were weak, similar to those of herbivorous mammals and dinosaurs held in museum collections. Carnivores, including the *Tyrannosaurus rex*, had a far stronger signature.

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## China to add 1,500 gigawatts of power capacity by 2030: study

PARIS (AFP) - China will add some 1,500 gigawatts of power production capacity by 2030, or the equivalent of Britain's existing capacity every year, a study showed on Wednesday.

Although the world's biggest carbon emitter will continue to draw considerable capacity from coal-fired plants, about half of the new capacity will be generated from renew-

able sources, Bloomberg New Energy Finance (BNEF) said in its report.

China, which is also the global No. 1 in electricity production, will in the next two decades invest \$3.9 trillion (around 3.0 trillion euros) in new power plants and other electricity producing assets and will add some 38 gigawatts of coal-fired generated capacity a year

until 2022-- corresponding to three large coal plants a month, BNEF said.

After that, it is estimated to grow at a much slower rate, with China expected to install some 10 gigawatts a year until 2030.

"Carbon emissions and local environmental problems resulting from coal, such as poor air quality will likely continue to worsen in

the next 10-15 years despite the shift towards cleaner energy sources," BNEF said.

Thanks to more gas-based and renewable power generating sources, however, the share of coal-fired power generation capacity will drop to 44 percent in 2030 from 67 percent in 2012.

The BNEF said that on the back of a cleaner energy shift, China's power sector emissions could start shrinking as of 2027.

## Earthlings are really Martians, says new theory

PARIS (AFP) - Life on Earth was kick-started thanks to a key mineral deposited by a meteorite from Mars, according to a novel theory aired on Thursday.

The vital ingredient was an oxidised mineral form of the element molybdenum, which helped prevent carbon molecules -- the building blocks of life -- from degrading into a tar-like goo.

The idea comes from Steven Benner, a professor at

the Westheimer Institute for Science and Technology in Gainesville, Florida, who was to present it at an international conference of geochemists in Florence, Italy.

"It's only when molybdenum becomes highly oxidized that it is able to influence how early life formed," Benner said in a press release.

"This form of molybdenum couldn't have been available on Earth at the time

life first began, because three billion years ago the surface of the Earth had very little oxygen, but Mars did."

In this violent epoch of the Solar System, the infant Earth was pounded by comets and asteroids.

Mars, too, would have come under bombardment, and the impacts would have caused Martian rubble to bounce into space, where they would have lingered until eventually being captured by Earth's gravity.

Recent analysis of a Martian meteorite showed the presence of molybdenum, as well as a boron, an element that would also have helped nurture life by helping to protect RNA -- a primitive cousin to DNA -- from the corrosive effects of water.

"The evidence seems to be building that we are actually all Martians, that life started on Mars and came to Earth on a rock," said Benner.

"It's lucky that we ended up here nevertheless, as certainly Earth has been the better of the two planets for sustaining life.

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## Health & Living

### US to tolerate recreational marijuana in two states

WASHINGTON (AFP) - President Barack Obama's administration ceded ground Thursday in the US war on drugs, saying it will not dispute the legalization of recreational marijuana in Colorado and Washington state.

Its decision was swiftly hailed by campaigners for the legalization of a substance that, under federal law, remains a Schedule One controlled substance on a par with heroin.

In a statement, the Department of Justice said it expects Colorado and Washington to maintain "strict regulatory schemes" to ensure that marijuana doesn't profit criminal gangs or fall into the hands of minors.

"These schemes must be tough in practice, not just on paper," it said.

That said, the Department of Justice added that it has told the governors of Colorado and Washington that it is "deferring its right to challenge their legalization laws at this time."

Voters in Colorado and Washington approved the legalization of marijuana in referendums last November concurrent to the presidential election that kept Obama in the White House for a second term.

Several other states have approved the production and sale of marijuana for medicinal use, and decriminalized the possession of small quantities for personal use.

"Today's announcement is a major and historic step toward ending marijuana prohi-

bition," said Dan Riffe of the Marijuana Policy Project, a marijuana policy organization.

He called the decision "a clear signal (from the nation's capital) that states are free to determine their own policies with respect to marijuana."

It was now up to Congress "to fix our nation's broken marijuana laws," Riffe added.

The National Cannabis Industry Association expressed confidence that marijuana-related businesses in Colorado and Washington will comply with any federal requirements.

"We are pleased to see the Obama administration will not cause harm to citizens and states by shutting these businesses down," it said in a statement.

The US Attorney's Office in Colorado, elaborating on the Department of Justice's announcement, said it would still go after those who peddle marijuana to children, grow it on federal land or ship it across state or federal lines.

It would also target any marijuana trafficking that is either conducted or bankrolled by street gangs and cartels.

Earlier this year, for the first time, a majority of respondents to a Pew Research Center poll, 52 percent, said the use of marijuana should be made legal.

Forty-eight percent said they had consumed marijuana at some time in their lives, and 12 percent said they had done so in the year preceding the poll.

### Gut, not gluttony makes quitting smokers gain weight: study



GENEVA (AFP) - Nervous nibbles alone do not explain the weight that people tend to gain when they give up smoking. Swiss researchers said Thursday, turning the spotlight instead on a bacterial shift in the intestines.

Studies have shown that quitting smoking leads to an average weight gain of four to five kilogrammes (nine to 11 pounds) in the first year.

But according to researchers at Zurich University Hospital, former smokers who bulk up may not be eating more than before they kissed their cigarettes goodbye.

Noting that even people who cut back on calorie intake after quitting smoking tend to gain weight, Professor Gerhard Rogler said he and his colleagues had discovered another potential explanation: a change in the composition of the intestinal flora among smokers who kick the habit.

Their study, supported by the Swiss National Science Foundation and published in peer-reviewed scientific journal PLoS One, found that when a person stops smoking, the diversity of bacterial strains in their intestines shifts. It more resembles the gut flora found in people with obesity.

Both recent non-smokers

and obese people tend to have more of two bacteria types, Proteobacteria and Bacteroidetes, Rogler told AFP.

These germs are believed to use energy more efficiently and break down otherwise indigestible fibres -- and as a result, more of what the person eats is transformed into fat rather than excreted as waste.

The researchers studied the genetic profile of intestinal bacteria found in faecal samples provided by 20 volunteers over nine weeks.

The participants comprised five non-smokers, five smokers and 10 people who had quit smoking one week after the study began.

Little difference was seen in the bacterial biodiversity among the persistent smokers and non-smokers.

But among those who had just given up smoking, there was a clear shift towards more Proteobacteria and Bacteroidetes, the study showed.

Over the study period, the people who had quit smoking also gained an average of 2.2 kilos (4.8 pounds), even though they insisted that their eating and drinking habits were unchanged.

"Under the same living conditions, they gained

weight after the cessation of smoking, and they showed a change in the microbiota," Rogler said.

While researchers have yet to prove a clear connection between the two developments, he pointed out that a number of other studies have also showed a link between intestinal bacteria and weight gain.

On Wednesday, a study published in the journal Nature found that individuals with low bacterial "richness" in their intestines were more prone to obesity and associated diseases such as diabetes, heart and cholesterol problems. Six bacterial species appear to play a key role in promoting this diversity.

Rogler said that more research was needed to answer the many questions that arise from such discoveries.

But he said it was clear we should pay more attention to how the environment influences gut functions.

"Nobody believed the people who stopped smoking and said they weren't eating more but still gained weight. Perhaps we simply should be more willing to believe what people tell us," he said.



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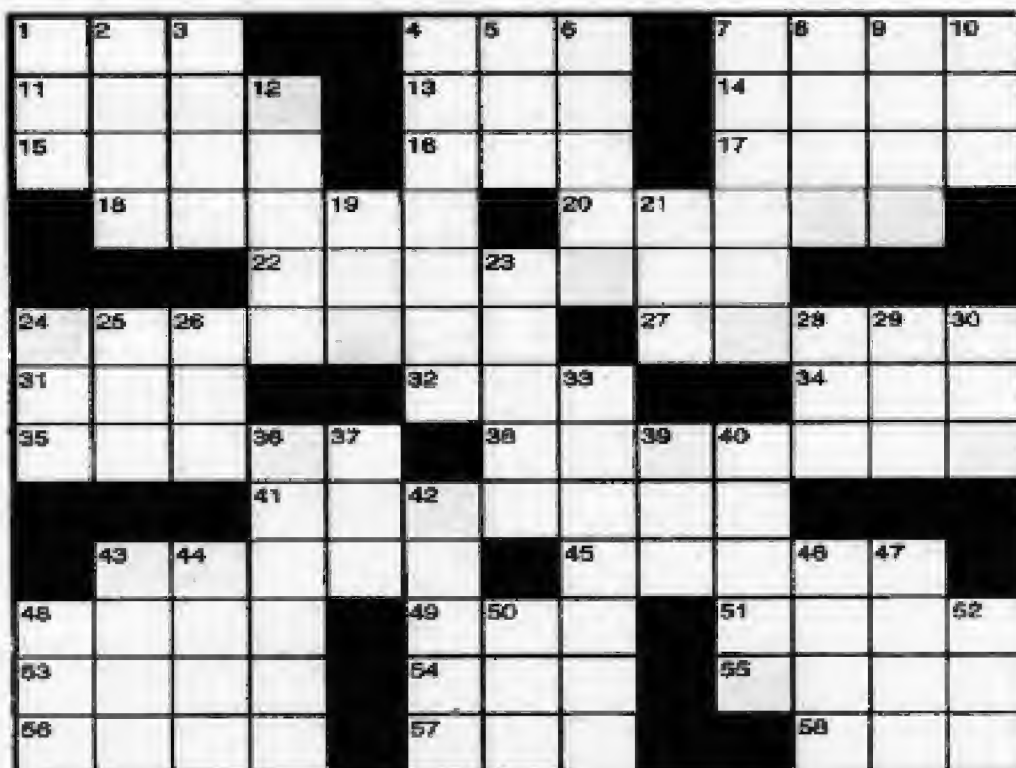
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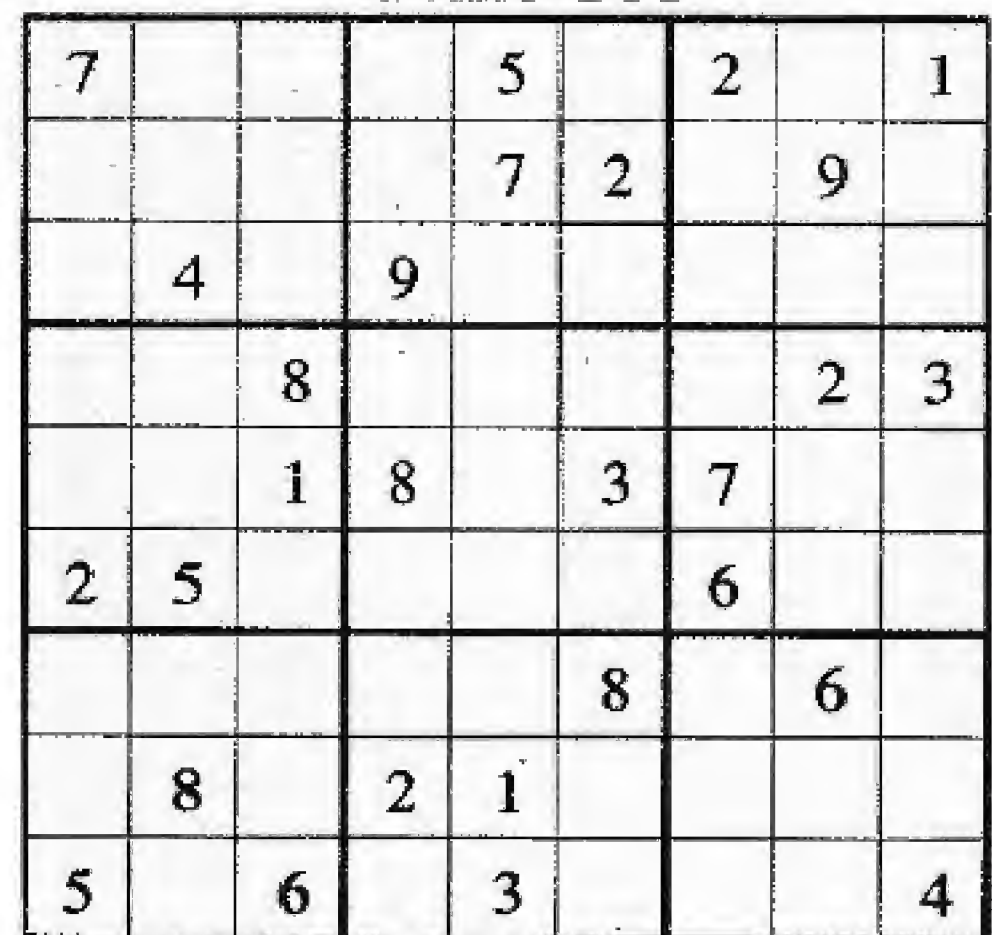
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## Finance

### Study: Chinese auto market to double by 2019

FRANKFURT (AFP) - The global auto market will continue to expand in the coming years, driven particularly by China where sales will nearly double by 2019, consultants PwC said in a study yesterday.

"While sales of automobiles and light trucks are set to nearly double in China between 2012 and 2019, the car markets in Europe and the United States will expand, but the number of registrations will meet the levels seen in the past only with difficulty," PwC wrote in a new study.

According to PwC's experts, auto sales will reach 27.7 million units in China in 2019, compared with 15.8 million in 2012. This year, they are set to rise to 18.1 million units, the study showed.

"In China and other developing countries, there is room for the car market to grow further as more people are in a position to buy their first car," said the head of PwC's automotive division in Germany and Europe, Felix Kuhnert.

Europe, for its part, could begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel as sales stabilize in the second half of this year.

But PwC's analysts are ne-

vertheless pencilling in much slower growth for Europe than China, with 12.1 million vehicles to be sold this year and 14.9 million in 2019.

That is well below the record of 16 million vehicles seen before the crisis in 2007.

At the same time, sales in the US are set to rise from 15.4 million vehicles to 16.7 million.

"The automobile markets in western industrialized countries are largely saturated," Kuhnert said. Growth would come primarily from customers need to replace their cars, a purchase they have postponed up until now as a result of the economic crisis.

In order to meet global demand, worldwide production is set to expand by 25.5 million vehicles to 104.7 million in 2019, with additional production capacity to be built up in the fast-growing markets such as China and developing Asian countries, PwC said.

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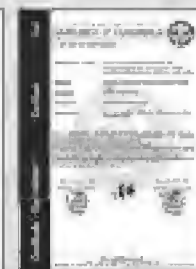
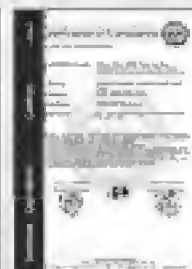
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## US fast food workers strike to supersize wages

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Thousands of workers at McDonald's and other fast food outlets across the United States halted work yesterday in what organizers called the "largest-ever strike" to hit the \$200 billion industry.

Workers in 60 cities put down burgers and fries to join the fight for \$15 an hour -- double what most currently earn -- and the right to form a union without retaliation, organizers said.

"They make millions that come from our feet. They can afford to pay us better," Shaniqua Davis, 20, told AFP at a demonstration outside a McDonald's on New York's posh Fifth Avenue.

Davis has a one-year-old child and works at a branch of the restaurant in the Bronx where she earns \$7.25 an hour.

She said if it wasn't for food stamps and help she received to pay her rent "I would already be on the street."

Kendall Fells of the campaign group Fast Food For-



ward hit out at working conditions for people who had "no health insurance, no guarantee of hours."

"In (New York City) they make \$7.25 an hour. If you look at any statistics of how much it takes you to survive in NYC, just food, clothing and rent, it's over \$20 an hour."

The protest movement first began in New York last November with a strike by 200 workers but quickly spread across the country with strikes in July taking place in Chicago, Detroit, Flint, Kansas City, Milwaukee and St. Louis.

Yesterday organizers said the strike hit some 1,000 major fast-food restaurants, including Burger King, Wendy's, Taco Bell, Pizza Hut and KFC.

"Hold the burgers, hold the fries, make worker wages supersize!" read a tweet from Fight for 15, a workers organizing committee.

Many of the three million fast-food workers in America

don't work full-time and cannot count on tips like those who staff bars and restaurants.

"Many of these workers have children and are trying to support a family," said Mary Kay Henry of the Service Employees International Union, which is supporting the strike.

"The median wage (including managerial staff) of \$9.08 an hour still falls far below the federal poverty line for a worker lucky enough to get 40 hours a week and never have to take a sick day."

As the movement goes viral, it has become clear that the traditional image of a McDonald's worker -- a carefree adolescent flipping burgers until something better comes along -- has changed.

Fells from Fast Food Forward said that after the recession the average age of a fast food worker was 28. Two-thirds were women with an average age of 32.



WASHINGTON (AFP) - The International Monetary Fund declined to comment yesterday on speculation that India, reeling under a currency crisis, may seek IMF assistance. A wave of poor economic news for India -- the rupee crashed to a new record closing low Wednesday -- has fueled talk that New Delhi might need to seek outside help, particularly from the IMF. India's rupee recovered from record lows yesterday new action by the central bank to support the currency, but speculation rose that New Delhi might need to seek help from the IMF. The battered rupee -- which has lost nearly nine percent in the past week -- was trading at 67.67 to the dollar, up from a record closing low of 68.80 on August 28

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## Brazil's population reaches 200 mn: official data

BRASÍLIA (AFP) - The Brazilian population passed the 200 million mark this year, according to an official projection released Thursday.

The Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE) said that a new tally based on data from the 2010 census established that the continent-sized country is now home to 201,032,714 people.

With 43.6 million people, Sao Paulo is the most populous state, followed by Minas Gerais with 20.5 million and Rio de Janeiro with 16.3 mil-

lion.

The census, which features projections for the next 47 years, estimates that the Brazilian population will reach a peak of 228.4 million in 2042 before gradually decreasing to 218.2 million in 2060.

The average age of child-bearing women is expected to reach 28 years in 2030, compared with 26.9 this year, IBGE said.

Life expectancy, currently at 73.76 years, is projected to rise to 80.8 years in 2041 and to 81.2 in 2060.

## Google Android exec poached by China's Xiaomi

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - China's Xiaomi has poached a key Google executive involved in the tech giant's Android phones, in a move seen as a coup for the rapidly growing Chinese smartphone maker.

Hugo Barra, who was Google's vice president in charge of Android product management, said in a blog post late Wednesday that he is joining Xiaomi to help them expand their business outside China, where they already have some market share, but are well behind Samsung and Apple.

"After nearly 5 1/2 years at Google and almost 3 years as a member of the Android team - the most amazing group of people I've ever

worked with in my life - I have decided to start a new career chapter," Barra wrote.

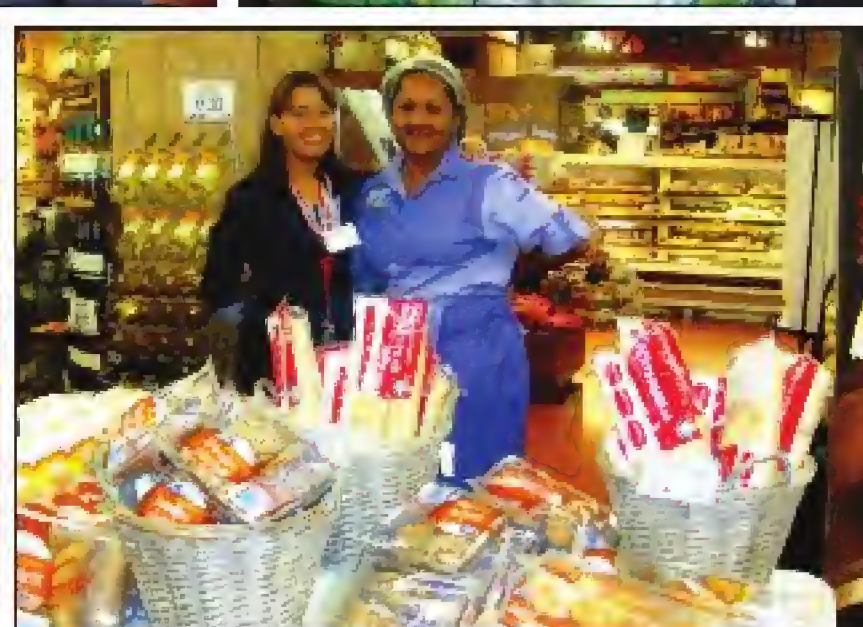
"In a few weeks, I'll be joining the Xiaomi team in China to help them expand their incredible product portfolio and business globally - as Vice President, Xiaomi Global."

"I'm really looking forward to this new challenge, and am particularly excited about the opportunity to continue to help drive the Android ecosystem."

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## 5 Burgers Aruba: Now your best breakfast bargain!



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sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an internationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 8 a.m., patrons can now order 2

eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$4.99, (\$5.48 with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, with free refills on fresh coffee. A new plate called the "Home Run" comes with 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, 2 pancakes, toast, home fries, with complimentary, unlimited coffee for only \$9.99! Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie, so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (al-



most 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to

watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

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## Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway, we are very pleased by



the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community

of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facili-

ties such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the

least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas, 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

**Visit their website: [www.goldcoastaruba.com](http://www.goldcoastaruba.com) for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.**



## SPORTS

## Aruban windsurfers Mack van den Eerenbeemt...

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Waiting for the next heat

In the evening hours the boys and girls were taught the rules and how to deal with climatological weather changes during a race.

The trainers were famous Dutch windsurfers, who participated several times during the Olympics and World- and European Championships, like world champion Joeri Passchier and Dorien Hoek-

ternational competition called 'Mission XL' with 250 participants. The 2 Aruban windsurfers raced in the category 15-18 years. After 3 heats they reached the finals. With his Big Techno 293 gear Mack came in 7th. The first 6 spots were taken by very experienced and 18 year old RS-X surfers, like Huig-Jan Tak (selection RS-X), Sam



Engrossed in the lessons

stra. She was a bronze medalist at the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona.

Mack and Milan were impressed when they saw the large windsurf centre with all the facilities, like a big storage for equipment, a video

Wennekes (Dutch selection) and Rick Jendrusch (Professional Windsurfing Association)

This coming month Mack van den Eerenbeemt will represent Aruba during the South American Youth



analysis room, a well equipped kitchen to prepare all meals for the hungry sailors, several bedrooms and bathrooms and 5 instruction boats.

The 5 days of hard training were followed by an in-

Games in Lima, Peru.

From September 20-29 fourteen South American countries will participate and 26 disciplines will be entered.

WRCA and Aruba wishes Mack good luck!

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## Kaka wants out of Madrid before deadline day

MADRID (AFP) - Real Madrid midfielder Kaka has said he is looking to agree a move away from the Spanish giants before the transfer window closes on September 2.

The Brazilian has failed to make much of an impression in the Spanish capital since his 68 million euro (\$89 million, £56 million) move from AC Milan in June 2009 in what was then a world transfer record.

It had been hoped that the appointment of his former boss at Milan, Carlo Ancelotti at the Bernabeu may have been able to inspire him to rekindle his old form, but the signing of Isco and the imminent arrival of Gareth Bale has instead seen him slip further down the pecking order.

"I want to leave," he told reporters after scoring twice in Real's 4-0 friendly win over Deportivo la Coruna on Thursday.

"I think it is the right moment for me and for the club to leave in an amicable fashion."

"Things are now difficult for me to get into the team and the club know what I want."

The 31-year-old has been an unused substitute in both Madrid's first two La Liga matches and his desire to leave is even more immediate given that the World Cup will be played in his homeland next year.

He hasn't been called up by Luis Felipe Scolari since March and missed out on the Confederations Cup success back in June.

## Ribery named European player of the season



Franck Ribery holds the Best Player in Europe trophy during the UEFA Champions League group stage 2013/14 draw on August 29, 2013 in Monaco

MONACO (AFP) - Bayern Munich's French winger Franck Ribery on Thursday won the award for European player of the 2012/13 season.

The France international becomes the third player to win the award, the two previous winners being Barcelona duo Lionel Messi (2011) and Andres Iniesta (2012).

Ribery won the award this time around ahead of Messi and Real Madrid's Portugal striker Cristiano Ronaldo.

The 74-times capped Ribery was an essential cog in Bayern's charge to last season's his-

toric treble of the Champions League crown, the Bundesliga title and the German Cup.

Messi scored 69 goals last season and won the Spanish title, while Ronaldo rattled in 9 goals but only won the Spanish Supercup.

Ribery, meanwhile, scored 10 goals in 27 Bundesliga appearances as well as once on Bayern's run to becoming European champions for the fifth time.

He also set up Arjen Robben's decisive goal in the 2-1 final win against Borussia Dortmund.



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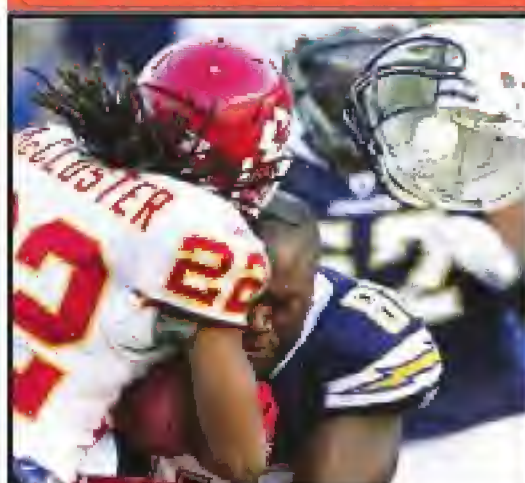
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## NFL: League settles concussion lawsuit for \$765 million



NEWPORT BEACH (AFP) - The National Football League has reached a settlement worth \$765 million in a lawsuit filed by more than 4,500 former players against the NFL over concussion injuries.

Under the landmark agreement, the league and NFL

Properties will contribute \$765 million to provide medical benefits and injury compensation for the retired players or their families.

The league will also fund medical and safety research and cover litigation expenses as part of the deal.

"This is a historic agreement, one that will make sure that former NFL players who need and deserve compensation will receive it, and that will promote safety for players at all levels of football," said Former US District Judge Layn Phillips, the court-appointed mediator who helped forge the deal, which is still pending court approval.

The settlement includes all players who have retired by the date it is approved by a court in Philadelphia, where the case was being heard.

Under its terms, the NFL made no admission of liability, deficiency on the part of the NFL or that injuries were caused by playing American football.

There will be a fund of \$675 million to compensate former players or their families who have suffered cognitive injury such as dementia, ALS and Alzheimer's disease with \$75 million more for basic medical exams. Other money will go to research and legal expenses.

The NFL would pay half of the settlement over three years and the other half over the following 17 years.

NFL executive vice president Jeffrey Pash said it was more important to provide help to players sooner even as they faced fighting against that very thing in court.

"We thought it was critical to get more help to players and families who deserve it rather than spend many years and millions of dollars on litigation," Pash said.

## Federer, Serena advance but Errani exits US Open



NEW YORK (AFP) - Five-time winner Roger Federer and defending champion Serena Williams breezed into the US Open third round on Thursday while Italian fourth seed Sara Errani became the biggest upset victim yet.

Swiss 17-time Grand Slam champion Federer, who swept the New York hard-court crowns from 2004-2008, dispatched Argentina's 48th-ranked Carlos Berlocq 6-3, 6-2, 6-1 in 95 minutes, firing six aces and 37 winners.

Federer, at his lowest US Open seed since 2002 at seventh, advanced to a matchup with either US 26th seed Sam Querrey or Frenchman Adrian Mannarino.

Federer lost for the first time in 50 appearances in a Grand Slam second-round match last month at Wimbledon, falling to 116th-rated Sergiy Stakhovsky in his earliest Slam exit since the 2003 French Open.

"Just keep on winning. I don't care how," Federer said of his goals. "Right now it's about winning for me, trying to gain confidence and enjoy myself. I hope I can progress. We'll see how it goes."

Federer and Spanish sec-

toward a potential quarter-final matchup of their own.

Ferrer dispatched compatriot Roberto Bautista Agut 6-3, 6-7 (5/7), 6-1, 6-2 while Gasquet also ousted a countryman, dumping Stephane Robert 6-3, 7-5, 7-5.

World number one Williams, who would become the oldest US Open women's champion at 31 if she repeats, advanced her quest for a 17th Grand Slam title and fifth US Open crown by downing 77th-ranked Galina Voskoboeva 6-3, 6-0.

Yaroslava Shvedova, like Voskoboeva a Russian-born Kazakh player, defeated Austrian Patricia Mayr-Achleitner 6-2, 6-3 to become the next Williams foe.

Errani, a semi-finalist last year, was ousted by one of her best friends and the 2012 French Open runner-up was in tears after falling to 83rd-ranked Flavia Pennetta 6-3, 6-1 in 71 minutes.

"It was difficult," Errani said.

## MLB Standings

American League					National League				
East	W	L	Pct	GB	East	W	L	Pct	GB
BOSTON	76	55	.586	—	ATLANTA	79	52	.603	—
TAMPA	74	56	.569	2.5	WASHINGTON	66	65	.504	13.0
BALTIMORE	70	60	.538	6.5	PHILADELPHIA	60	72	.455	19.0
YANKEES	70	62	.530	7.5	NY METS	59	71	.454	19.5
TORONTO	59	74	.444	19.0	MIAMI	49	81	.377	29.5
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	Central	W	L	Pct	GB
DETROIT	77	55	.583	—	ST. LOUIS	78	54	.591	—
CLEVELAND	71	60	.542	5.5	PITTSBURGH	76	55	.580	1.5
KANSAS	67	64	.511	9.5	CINCINNATI	74	59	.556	4.5
MINNESOTA	57	73	.438	19.0	MILWAUKEE	58	73	.443	19.5
CHICAGO	55	76	.420	21.5	CHICAGO	56	76	.424	22.0
West	W	L	Pct	GB	West	W	L	Pct	GB
TEXAS	77	55	.583	—	DODGERS	77	55	.583	—
OAKLAND	74	57	.565	2.5	ARIZONA	68	63	.519	8.5
LA ANGELES	59	71	.454	17.0	COLORADO	62	72	.463	16.0
SEATTLE	59	72	.450	17.5	SAN FRANCISCO	59	73	.447	18.0
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## Mack to represent Aruba at South American Youth Games in Lima!

### Aruban windsurfers Mack van den Eerenbeemt and Milan de Jonge attends special training



**Mack in the lead!**

Fifteen-year old Aruban windsurfers Mack van den Eerenbeemt and Milan de Jonge recently participated at a special training in The Netherlands last week. The boys are members of the Wind Racers Club Aruba.

The talented boys were invited by Robbert Jan van Velzen, trainer and coach of the Dutch windsurf selection

in the so called Techno 293 Class'. This is a specific windsurf class with a maximum age of 17 years.

Some of the rules of this class are: The sail can't be bigger than 7.8 square meters. All surfers have to use the same race board: a Bic Techno that has to be exactly 293 centimetres long. Wind-

surfers older than 17 end up in the adult RS-X class.

The Aruban windsurfers joined the Dutch and Belgium windsurf selection to learn and improve their tactical skills. There was also a lot of time spend on the physical condition by running laps and power training.

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